

who employ methods in business which are nothing else than genteel and gigantic gambling, are permitted to stand high in religious circles? And do not men who have fattened their pocket books by fraud and usury, sit before us perfectly easy? Is it not because we have relegated many of the stern truths, fundamental in the gospel of Christ, to the background? Is it not because our preaching lacks the sturdy, vigorous, and uncompromising qualities so noticeable in apostolic preaching?

There is a story of an old Quaker, who once discovered a thief in his house. The non resistant old man took down his grandfather's old fowling piece and said: "Friend, thee had better get thee out of the way, for I intend to fire this gun right where thee stands." If there is an evil doer in the house of God, fire God's truth right where he stands, and let him seek the place of refuge. If you do not, you do not your duty to God.

"It is a poor sermon," said Geo. Whitefield, "that gives no offense—that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself or preacher." Louis XIV., of France paid the following noble tribute to one of his chaplains: "I don't know how it is; when I hear my other chaplains, I admire them; but when I hear Masillon, I always go away dissatisfied with myself." The sermon, before God, most approved, is the sermon that will send away every single hearer, saint or sinner, dissatisfied with themselves. The preacher most respected by God and man, is the preacher who respects no man above another, who nails his colors to the mast, who says what he believes and believes what he says, and who speaks the truth in love.

Mark those last words—*speaks the truth in love*. Two ministers met one Sunday afternoon, and one said to the other, "What did you preach about this morning, Elder?" "O, I preached about repentance. What did you preach about?" "O, I gave 'em hell." Beware about making your sermons smell too much of brimstone, and be sure you get what you do use out of the great storehouse of God. Love is God's greatest theme. Preach the truth, the whole truth. But by all means, preach it in love. Remember this, you can catch more flies with sugar than with vinegar.

It may be my brother, you sometimes shun to declare the whole counsel of God because you dread to suffer. But know you not that it is one of your great privileges to suffer persecution for the cross of Christ? for "if we suffer with him, we shall reign with him." First, the cross and then the crown. When Paul was called to preach the gospel, God said to Ananias, "Go thy way: for he (Saul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings and the children of Israel: for I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." This old world has not yet become such a friend to grace that we are permitted to do our full duty to God and not to suffer for it. "Take up the cross,"

says the Master and I know not what that means—I know not what symbolizes, unless it be blood sweat, agony, thirst, and death.

Finally then, the preaching for the times, and the preaching that will free you as a man of God from all responsibility of results, is the preaching of doctrine as well as duty, of sanctification as well as justification, of punishment as well as reward, and of a coming Savior as well as a crucified Savior.

At the beginning of your new year's labor say to your people in the words of Dr. Gunsaulis, "I have fifty-two precious Sunday mornings before me. I can waste not. I can idle not. I will not take these fifty-two hours from you for any less sublime privilege. I do not know enough of politics, sociology, art, literature, music or science, to justify your coming to hear me on these topics. * * * I will preach only what I believe,—the time is short. I will preach only what I know is supremely important in the thought of Jesus,—the time is short. I will preach only what I have fallen down upon and found safe and able to bear me up,—the time is short. * * * I will preach these things with absoluteness of conviction that God will bless us, and I will look for the fruit of this ministry here, where time is short, and there also, where time shall vanish in the morning glow of eternity."

And may God give each and every one before we shall meet again on these grounds next year,—and may God give the church everywhere in the closing days of the nineteenth century—what it so much needs—a genuine, old-time, prayed-down, hallelujah, Pentecostal, Holy Ghost revival. God bless you above measure, brother ministers, one and all. Amen.

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Sisters' Society C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the last afternoon (Thursday) of the Indiana conference and while they are engaged in electing officers for a State mission board, I want to tell you about the last two churches visited before coming to conference.

I was at Edna Mills Wednesday and Thursday nights of the last week in September. It is quite a small town with only one church building—a union church in which the German Baptists also hold their meetings. Most of our people there are eager to work towards securing a comfortable house of their own to worship in. This, together with the fact that there is no young people's society in the town, nor any other kind of meetings to help the young or the old to spend their Sunday nights together profitably, caused them to feel the need of a Sisters' Christian Endeavor so strongly that they organized in the face of discouragement. It is hoped, however, that above the zeal for a new church stands the greater interest in the general work of the S. S. C. E. Tho they are few in number and not strong

financially and the house a poor one, yet their needs are not nearly so great as the thousands who are starving for this Bread of Life in the darker places of the earth. May the little band of thirteen S. S. C. E. members learn that it is not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit, and by this great means, lead the people there to a high spiritual plane.

Friday afternoon was spent very pleasantly with the Mt. Pleasant S. S. C. E., in a work meeting followed by a short devotional service. It was encouraging indeed to see the enthusiasm of the sisters in their faithful needle service for the Master. Their president, Sister Fox, is life and energy, inspiring to others. With enthusiasm they are working the brick plan in their Sunday-school. Two have taken pledges for the theological fund and another promised. Judging from the size of the audiences both nights Brother Fox never needs to preach to empty benches. I must not fail to say that two young men from this place expect to start for Ashland Monday to take a course at our college. I also mention with gladness the missionary barrels in Brother Fox's home. It reminded me again of some of the eastern homes.

Monday I left this part of Indiana, and had the pleasure of traveling with a party from Mt. Pleasant and adjourning churches, on their way to conference at Oakville where we were given a hearty welcome. The three days' conference closed tonight with a sermon by Brother Talley, who talked on missions. The Bible readings given each morning by Brother Rensch have been very helpful for the churches. Another good feature of their program was the papers read during the business sessions, bringing rest with the change. It is quite interesting to compare and to contrast our conferences in the different states. As peaceful and harmonious as this assembly was, it yet cannot surpass Ohio in this point.

The attendance is large for a state conference, yet the hospitality of the Oakville members and friends is larger yet. Not only have our working hours been made pleasant but our midnight slumbers have been soothed by sweet, tender strains of music wrought beneath our window. Maude said, "What is it?" The question struggling in my mind was, "Where am I?" The enchanting music suggested fairy land. But after a few moments we remembered we were in Oakville and that helped us solve the mystery.

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Our Young People

AN OLD-TIME MISSIONARY—Jonah 3:1-10
Topic Oct. 22—(A Missionary Meeting)

God's attitude toward the world has been unchanged from the beginning. He has always loved it and his goodness has always been leading men to repentance. He has always been sending angels or prophets to reveal his will and as fast as the race could develop in spirituality he has disclosed himself more and more.

The old-time missionaries had the same message to carry that we have to-day only it was couched in